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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS BECOME TECHNICAL RESCUE TECHNICIANS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Five Glendale Firefighters have completed specialized training to become members of the fire department's Technical Rescue Team. The graduates received their certification on Friday May 19th at 1 p.m. at the Phoenix Fire Training Academy Special Operations Facility at 2450 S. 22nd Ave.

Firefighters spent five weeks of training that included 200 hours of classroom and field experience. The addition of the 5 trained technicians brings the Glendale Fire Department Technical Rescue Team to 30 members. All members are trained in rope rescue, tree rescue, structural collapse, trench rescue, confined space rescue and swift water rescue. Fire department members that graduated training include: Captain Todd Mills, Captain Chris Gustafson, Engineer Mark Largent, Firefighter Wade Williams and Firefighter Sal Fernandez.

Each year there are dozens of technical rescue responses in Glendale and the surrounding region. The Technical Rescue Team could be utilized to assist with incidents involving stranded hikers; victims stuck in an overflowing wash or a canal; or victims trapped in a collapsed building.

The team will enhance both the Glendale Fire Department and West Valley response for search and rescue incidents. For more information contact Firefighter/PIO Tim Wayne at (623) 930-3198.

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more than 26,000
calls a year**

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